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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 23 September 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m. — consultations of the whole (closed) — Consultation Room

Small arms: big challenges

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m. — 10th PLENARY MEETING — General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Rexhep Meidani, President of the Republic of Albania
2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Glafcos Clerides, President of the Republic of Cyprus
3. Address by His Excellency Mr. Olusegun Obasanjo, President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria
4. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Monaco

   Canada

   Egypt

   Palestine, address by His Excellency Mr. Yasser Arafat

(continued overleaf)

Announcement

A ministerial meeting of the Security Council will be held on Friday, 24 September 1999, at 9.30 a.m. in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the question of small arms.

3 p.m. 11th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo, President of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea

2. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Address by His Excellency The Right Honourable Pakalitha Bethuel Mosisili, Prime Minister of Lesotho

Address by His Excellency Mr. Salim El-Hoss, Prime Minister of Lebanon

Luxembourg

Kuwait

Uruguay

Sri Lanka

Mexico

Indonesia

Turkey

Romania

The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

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FIFTY-FOURTH SESSION OF
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Live Webcast of the general debate of the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly is available at the General Assembly Web site at the following address:

http://www.un.org/ga/20special/ga54/IndexE.htm

The provisional list of speakers (No. 5) for the general debate of the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly (20-25 September and 29 September-2 October 1999) is now available in room S-2925 (General Assembly and ECOSOC Affairs Division). The provisional list of speakers (No. 5) has also been sent by facsimile directly to the permanent missions (office of the Permanent Representative). The list of speakers is also available on the Internet at the following address: www.un.org/ga/54/list54.htm. Any queries concerning the list of speakers should be addressed to the Division (Mrs. Nicolle Matias-Veyne (tel.: (212) 963-5063)).

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TWENTY-SECOND SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
ON THE REVIEW AND APPRAISAL OF THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION FOR THE SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT OF SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES
(27 and 28 September 1999)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 2) in the debate on the review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States is now available at the General Assembly Servicing Branch (rooms S-2925 and S-3001G). The provisional list of speakers (No. 2) has also been sent by facsimile directly to the permanent missions (office of the Permanent Representative).

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	2nd meeting	Conference Room 4

1. Election of officers
2. Organization of work (A/C.1/54/1)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East
2. East Timor

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION

CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON PROGRAMME AND OPERATIONAL QUESTIONS (CCPOQ)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

Announcement

The daily briefing of the Spokesman for the Secretary-General for members of permanent missions will not be held until Friday, 1 October. The briefings will resume on Monday, 4 October 1999, at 12.30 p.m.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 23 September 1999

GROUP OF 77
(draft resolution on the Caribbean Sea and review and implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Islands Developing States)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 15

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT
(Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs and Heads of delegation of the Non-Aligned Movement)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 3

ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE :

AD HOC OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP ON UNITED NATIONS REFORM AND SECURITY COUNCIL EXPANSION
(at the expert level)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

5 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4

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There will be a meeting of the Rio Group with Canada *today*, 23 September 1999, at 9 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

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There will be a meeting the follow-up Committee to Latin America and Caribbean-European Union Summit *today*, 23 September 1999, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

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There will be a meeting of the Rio Group with the Russian Federation *today*, 23 September 1999, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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Briefings

The Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs, Mr. Jayantha Dhanapala, will hold an informal briefing for all interested States on matters pertaining to the forthcoming Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT) (in terms of Article XIV, paragraph 2, of that Treaty) *today*, 23 September 1999, at 3.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights invites all interested delegations and representatives of non-governmental organizations to a briefing on the theme "Optional Protocol on Children in Armed Conflict (Child Soldiers)" by Ambassador Catherine von Heidenstam, Chairperson of the Working Group of the Commission on Human Rights on a Draft Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child. The briefing will take place *today*, 23 September 1999, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in room S-2963D.

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Announcement

As from Thursday, 2 September 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 24 September 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m. 12th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Address by Her Excellency Mrs. Mireya Moscoso, President of the Republic of Panama

2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Leonel Fernández Reyna, President of the Dominican Republic

3. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Senegal

   Cuba

   Islamic Republic of Iran

   Kazakhstan

   Singapore

   Iraq

3 p.m. 13th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Lansana Conté, President of the Republic of Guinea

2. Address by His Excellency Colonel (Retired) Yahya Jammeh, President of the Republic of the Gambia

3. Address by His Excellency Mr. Bharrat Jagdeo, President of the Republic of Guyana

4. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Address by His Excellency Mr. Janez Drnovsek, Prime Minister of the Republic of Slovenia

   Papua New Guinea

   Netherlands

   Oman

   Hungary

   Iceland

   Liechtenstein

   Brunei Darussalam

   Myanmar

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

In accordance with its approved programme of work and timetable contained in document A/C.4/54/L.1, the Special Political and Decolonization Comittee (Fourth Committee) will begin its substantive work on Monday, 4 October 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1. Delegations wishing to participate in the general debate on decolonization and related agenda items are urged to kindly inscribe their names on the list of speakers with the Secretariat of the Committee (room S-2977; tel.: (212) 963-9223), as soon as possible.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

The Second Committee will hold its 2nd meeting on Tuesday, 28 September 1999, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, to elect its Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur and to consider its proposed organization of work as contained in document A/C.2/54/L.1*.

* To be issued.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The list of speakers for *all items* allocated to the Third Committee is open for inscription by delegations. The Committee will begin its substantive work (in accordance with document A/C.3/54/L.1, as approved by the Committee at its 2nd meeting) on Wednesday, 6 October 1999, at 10 a.m., with agenda item 106 (Social development). Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee, Ms. Kate Starr Newell (tel.: (212) 963-4248; telefax: (212) 963-5935).

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SIXTH COMMITTEE

The Sixth Committee will hold its 2nd meeting on Monday, 27 September 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4, for the purpose of electing its Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur and to consider and approve its organization of work (A/C.6/54/L.1)*. Following the adjournment of the 2nd meeting, a Working Group of the Sixth Committee, established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 51/210 of 17 December 1996, will hold its first meeting in Conference Room 4.

* To be issued.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Chairman of the Commission for Social Development, Mr. Aurelio Fernández (Spain), will give a briefing on the programme of work of the Commission on Thursday, 7 October 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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United Nations Development Programme

There will be informal consultations with members of the United Nations Development Programme on the *Human Development Report 2000* on Friday, 24 September 1999 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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The Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Member States of the Group of 77 will hold their Twenty-third Annual Ministerial Meeting at Headquarters on Friday, 24 September 1999, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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The Six-Member Committee on Palestine *(at the ministerial level)* of the Organization of the Islamic Conference will meet on Friday, 24 September 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

The Contact Group on Bosnia and Herzegovina and Kosova *(at the ministerial level)* of the Organization of the Islamic Conference will meet on Friday, 24 September 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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There will be a meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the States members of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) on Wednesday, 29 September 1999, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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Forum

There will be a meeting of the Women's International Forum on Friday, 24 September 1999, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 4. H.E. Mr. Domingo L. Siazon, Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines, will address the Forum on "The Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) in a Changing World". Participants should be seated by 10.45 a.m. Delegates and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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Informal consultations

In connection with the special session of the General Assembly on the review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, the informal consultations on the draft resolution on the Caribbean Sea will continue on Friday, 24 September, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference D.

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Briefings

The Regional Representative of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme (UNDCP), Mr. Michael Platzer, will brief permanent missions on current efforts to implement the Barbados Plan of Action on Drug Control. The briefing will be held on Monday, 27 September 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room E, and will be followed by a question-and-answer period. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Informal meeting

There will be an ad hoc expert group meeting on "Economic Governance within the Context of Globalization: Conceptual and Policy Issues", organized by the Division for Public Economics and Public Administration of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, from 27 to 29 September 1999 in conference room 1240 (DC1 Building). The meeting will begin on Monday, 27 September, at 10 a.m. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. S. Ran Kim (tel.: (212) 963-8391).

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Side event

In connection with the twenty-second special session of the General Assembly on the review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, a side event, organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, on "Coastal and Lagoon Preservation: Lessons Learned from Venice" will take place on Monday, 27 September 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Workshops

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the United Nations University (UNU), in cooperation with the World Conservation Union (IUCN), are organizing the second session in the UNU/UNITAR Series, entitled "Workshop on International Environmental Law". Session II will be conducted in English on Thursday , 30 September, and on Friday, 1 October 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is *today*, 23 September 1999. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603; tel.:(212) 963-9684).

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The UNITAR/UTA/WTO Workshop on International Trade Negotiations, originally scheduled to be held from 27 to 29 September, will now take place from 20 to 22 October 1999 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in New York.

The nomination form was already sent out to all the permanent missions, with the information note. The new registration deadline is Wednesday, 13 October 1999. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684).

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Special meeting

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), in cooperation with the International Monetary Fund's Special Representative to the United Nations, will hold a debriefing following the September 1999 Interim Committee meeting of the International Monetary Fund (IMF). The meeting will be conducted in English on Thursday, 7 October 1999, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Thursday, 30 September 1999. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 21 September 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

7th plenary meeting

Earthquake in China

The General Assembly was informed of the earthquake that had recently struck near Taipei. The President, on behalf of the General Assembly, extended his heartfelt sympathy to the people of the Taiwan Province of China.

Address by H.E. Mr. Hugo Chávez Frías, President of the Republic of Venezuela

H.E. Mr. Hugo Chávez Frías, President of the Republic of Venezuela, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Mr. Carlos Saúl Menem, President of the Argentine Republic

H.E. Mr. Carlos Saúl Menem, President of the Argentine Republic, addressed the General Assembly.

Continuation of the general debate [9]

H.E. Mr. Mikuláš Dzurinda, Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic, addressed the General Assembly.

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Modibo Sidibe, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Mali; H.E. Mr. Masahiko Koumura, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan; H.E. Mrs. Benita Ferrero-Waldner, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs of Austria; H.E. Mr. Borys Tarasyuk, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine; H.E. Mr. Mohamed Benaissa, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Morocco; H.E. Mr. Abdulaziz Kamilov, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Uzbekistan; H.E. Ms. Anna Lindh, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Sweden; H.E. Mr. Rashid Abdullah Al-Noaimi, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the United Arab Emirates; and H.E. Mr. Abel Matutes, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Spain.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Spain, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the United Kingdom and the United Arab Emirates.

Wednesday, 22 September 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

8th plenary meeting

Address by H.E. Mr. Carlos Roberto Flores Facussé, President of the Republic of Honduras

H.E. Mr. Carlos Roberto Flores Facussé, President of the Republic of Honduras, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Mr. Luis Ángel González Macchi, President of the Republic of Paraguay

H.E. Mr. Luis Ángel González Macchi, President of the Republic of Paraguay, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Mrs. Vaira Vike-Freiberga, President of the Republic of Latvia

H.E. Mrs. Vaira Vike-Freiberga, President of the Republic of Latvia, addressed the General Assembly.

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Joschka Fischer, Vice-Chancellor and Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs of Germany; H.E. Mr. Tang Jiaxuan, Minister for Foreign Affairs of China; H.E. Mr. Lamberto Dini, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Italy; and H.E. Mr. Gabriele Gatti, Minister for Foreign and Political Affairs of San Marino.

9th plenary meeting

Note: The summary of the 9th plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1999/183).

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND
DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE
(FOURTH COMMITTEE) 2nd meeting

Opening of the meeting

The Chairman made a statement.

Election of officers

Upon nomination by the representatives of the Republic of Korea, Slovakia and Turkey, and in accordance with rule 103 of the rules of procedure, the Committee elected, by acclamation, H.E. Mr. Matia Mulumba Semakula Kiwanuka (Uganda), Mr. Yury Kazhura (Belarus) and Mr. Carlos Morales (Spain) as Vice-Chairmen.

The Chairman informed the Committee that consultations were still continuing for the post of Rapporteur.

The representative of Mexico made a statement.

Statements were made by representatives of Belarus and Spain.

Organization of work

The Committee had before it a letter from the President of the General Assembly concerning the agenda items allocated to it (A/C.4/54/1) and a note by the Chairman (A/C.4/54/L.1) containing his suggestions concerning the organization of work.

The representative of Egypt made a statement.

The Secretary of the Committee replied to a question from the representative of Indonesia.

The Committee approved the programme of work contained in document A/C.4/53/L.1.

As regards agenda item 87, the Committee decided to establish an open-ended Working Group, chaired this year by the delegation of India to prepare a draft resolution on agenda item 87 (peaceful uses of outer space).

The Committee's attention was drawn to the relevant rules and recommendations of the General Assembly affecting the work of the Main Committees, as well as those contained in General Assembly decision 34/401.

Delegations were informed about the various dates for closure of the list of speakers for all the items as well as the deadline for submission of draft resolutions.

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

COMMITTEE ON THE
RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
Twenty-second session
United Nations Office at Geneva

WEDNESDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER 1999

562nd (closed) meeting

Methods of work of the Committee [6]

Other matters [9]

The Committee considered the items in closed session.

563rd meeting

Cooperation with other United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and other component bodies [5]

Methods of work of the Committee [6]

The Committee considered the items.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Protocol amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961. Geneva, 25 March 1972

Ratification: Pakistan (2 July 1999)*

Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, as amended by the Protocol of 25 March 1972 amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961. New York, 8 August 1975

Participation: Pakistan (2 July 1999)*

Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel. New York, 9 December 1994

Ratification: Bangladesh (22 September 1999)*

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Tampere Convention on the Provision of Telecommunication Resources for Disaster Mitigation and Relief Operations. Tampere, 18 June 1998

Signature: Bulgaria (22 September 1999)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 23 September 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting is open to staff members only.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EDITOR

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